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SENATOR BROWN: I did cite the impact on businesses of a central collection.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And did you mention Union Pacific specifically?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, because they are the most dramatic example that was local.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Brown. I didn't know whether I'd actually read those things or they were part of that recurring nightmare I've had about this bill. The other day, a little bitty fellow came into my office squired by some minions of the Governor and I was rushing to get up here because it was almost time to go into session, and he stuck his hand out and introduced himself as Judge somebody or other, it wasn't Judge Roy Bean, but Judge somebody, and he began to talk about this bill. And I said, well, I'm entirely against it. The system that is in place now in Nebraska is not broken. I don't know where you've been or where you came from, but the federal government is interested, apparently, in imposing on every state, regardless of whether or not it will disrupt the present system they have, another system, and I'm not in favor of this being done in Nebraska. Then I mentioned, just very briefly, some of the problems with the so-called task force which did not consider obtaining a waiver for the state. Then I said...we had an exchange similar to the following. I don't know whether...what you do for a living, but I'm a politician and I have to be realistic, and I'm aware of the politics behind this bill and I'm not going for it. He said, oh, I'm a politician too. I said, oh, then your name is "Judge"? He said, no, I was a judge. I said, so judge is part of your title then. Well, yeah, but I'm not a judge now. Why in the world is this person who's not a judge going to identify himself as "Judge"? Maybe that's to overwhelm and impress some people, especially black people. Because the way we get mistreated by judges ordinarily he probably felt it would cause me to be taken with fear and trembling when he introduced himself as Judge whatever his name was. Around here, not so much for the judge and why ever he was brought here, I've been taken for granted by some of my colleagues on the floor and in the Judiciary Committee. I argued against advancing this bill. Some of my colleagues were